Patent for Indian Food

1875. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain countries have put their claim for patent before World Trade Organisation of some specific eatables of Indian food after Basmati Rice and Turmeric;

(b) if so, the names of those countries together with items claimed for patent; and

(c) the necessary steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) No information regarding claims for patent, world-wide, is maintained by the Government. However, patents are granted by respective governments under their patent laws.

(c) Whenever information is received about patents being taken on certain products which are not considered patentable, steps are taken to assess whether grant of patent can be challenged.

Infrastructure Facility in Moradabad

†1876. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had given its consent to enhance infrastructure facility in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether an amount of Rs. 20 crores was to be given towards this in addition to partial amount made available by the Centre;

(c) whether State has already sanctioned its share of Rs. 12.28 crores for electricity;

(d) if so, by when the Central Government are going to release Rs. 12.00 crores towards roads and remaining amount of Rs. 8.00 crores; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hinid.